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FORMER STATE ED BOARD PRESIDENT FRED MEYER RECEIVES CAREER EDUCATION LEADERSHIP, ADVOCACY AWARD

Fred Meyer of St. Paul recently received the 2011 Elaine Stuhr Leadership and Advocacy Lifetime Achievement Award.

Meyer received the award June 8 during the Nebraska Career Education Conference, a professional development conference attended by more than 500 career education instructors, counselors, administrators and representatives of business and industry across the state. Meyer served on the State Board of Education from 1999 until he retired in January, 2011. He was board president from 2004 to 2009.

The award recognized Meyer's significant contributions to the quality of career and technical education in Nebraska schools as well as his leadership on the State Board of Education and his work to better ensure that the state provides excellent educational opportunities for all Nebraska students.

Meyer has worked to prepare Nebraska students for their success in agriculture education. His career included working as an agriculture education teacher at Milford High School. He served eight years on the St. Paul Board of Education and was president of that board for seven of those years. He now has a diversified livestock operation near St. Paul.

Meyer served the Nebraska career and technical education community through his leadership in a number of professional organizations including the St. Paul Library Foundation, the St. Paul Economic Development Corporation, rotary and was named Outstanding LEAD Alumni for Nebraska in 2005. His resume includes a lengthy list of civic and agricultural organization leadership activities. Meyer is a West Point native and a graduate of the University of Nebraska-Lincoln.

The award was established in honor of former Nebraska Sen. Elaine Stuhr, a strong advocate and a leader for Nebraska Career Education throughout her career. Previous award recipients include:

2006	Sen. Elaine Stuhr
2007	Lavern Franzen, Central Community College
2008	Marge Harouff, Nebraska Department of Education
2009	Jean Brown, Papillion-La Vista Schools
2010	Rachel Wise, Building Bright Futures